

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Application No. 09/164,568

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Title: *METHOD FOR INDUCING ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC T CELL TOLERANCE*



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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly amend claim 54 as set forth below.

54. (Twice Amended) A method for reducing T cell responsiveness *in vivo* to an autoantigen expressing cell comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment:

- (i) an autoantigen expressing cell;
- (ii) a gp39 antagonist selected from the group consisting of an anti-gp39 antibody,

E' an anti-gp39 antibody fragment that binds gp39, soluble CD40, and soluble CD40 fusion proteins;

wherein said gp39 antagonist is administered prior, concurrent and/or subsequent to administration of said autoantigen expressing cells, and said gp39 antagonist is administered in an amount effective to reduce T cell responses to said autoantigen expressing cells.

Kindly cancel claim 57. ✓

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